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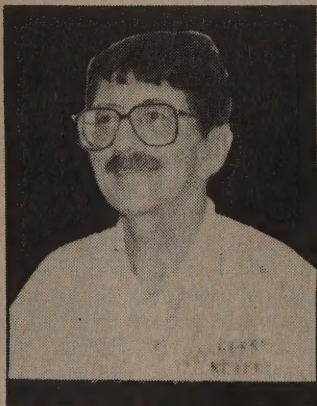
by Andy Clark, W4IYT
Publisher/Editor

I am pleased to announce to all the FLORIDA SKIP readers and advertisers that Gerry Wentz (KC4EHT) will assume the duties as Managing Editor of the magazine, effectively immediately.

Gerry will be responsible for the daily operations of the magazine that including writing, editing, production and distribution. The SKIP is not unfamiliar territory for Gerry since he has been a Special Correspondent for many years and his cartoons have added some comic relief to the publication.

Gerry has lived in Melbourne for eight years after moving here from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the Publisher/Editor of two newspapers, the proprietor of an advertising agency and two printing companies. Having retired from "active duty" with his businesses, he moved to Florida, working as a writing consultant and freelance writer for several technical publications. He is licensed as a General Class and a very active member of the Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society (PCARS) where he is a member of the Board of Directors and long time Editor of the PCARS Newsletter. KC4EHT is a Public Information Officer in the South Florida Section of the ARRL. Gerry often startles his acquaintances when they find him entertaining in clubs around Brevard County; he is an accomplished jazz pianist and appears regularly in the area.

FLORIDA SKIP will benefit from his background and experience and we welcome him aboard.



Gerry (KC4EHT)

SUN SETS ON 33rd TROPICAL HAMBOREE

-by Rick Vahan (N4PBF)
D.C.A.R.P.S.C. Correspondent

The multifaceted Tropical Hamboree drew more than 12,000 people to the Dade County Youth Fairgrounds on February 6 and 7. It was the 33rd year for what has become the nation's second biggest hamfest.

The people came from all 50 states, all Canadian provinces except North West Territory and 23 other countries in Europe, Asia, Central and South America and the Caribbean Basin.

They stayed in local Miami area hotels, the homes of friends and 155 campers, motor homes and travel trailers which set up camp in the fairgrounds.

What they saw was 220 booths, more than half of them occupied by manufacturers and dealers of amateur radio equipment, plus 865 tables of new and used gear of all kinds, sufficient to satisfy just about everyone's needs or desires.

In the adjacent Tower Building of the fairgrounds, two teams of VEs gave 150 FCC exams. It is the first time two sets of exams have been given at the Hamboree, one by ARRL VEs and one by the W5YI examiners.

To top it off, an impressive array of prizes was given out. Every hour, handhelds were awarded to lucky attendees. Then, at the end of the second day of the Hamboree, the "big ones" were awarded.

The top prize, a Kenwood TS850S, was won by Jose Gutierrez of Miami Beach, a newly licensed ham who has not yet received his call. Next, a Yaesu FT990 went to Lewis Fairbairn, N9KPI, of Homewood, Illinois. An Ameritron was won by Al LaPorte, KB4AXR, of Homestead. A TM741 went to Harry Belock, AA2X, from Tamarac, and notebook computers went to Anna Carrasco of Miami, and Wilbur Button, W1SQC, of North Waterford, Maine.

Other prizes and winners were a camcorder to Alan Greenbaum of Margate, a ladies diamond ring to Marta Fernandez, K14SWV, of Miami and a combination television and VCR to Gonzalo Sequia of Homestead.

The Hamboree was hardly over when Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, the sponsoring Dade Radio Club of Miami's chairperson of the event, began receiving applications for booths and tables for the 1994 Tropical Hamboree.

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SILENT KEYS

We are deeply sorry to report the passing of the following Florida Amateurs. May the R. I. P.

N4ZGV	Bill Penland	Jacksonville
WB4OSX	Eli Lurie	Surf Side
KF4SL	Farris A. Cavanaugh, 86	Avon Park
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K1OJF	Fred Sleep	Melbourne
W2SHM	Bill Latham	New Smyrna Beach
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WB4KVK	Herbert Hofer	Sarasota
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W4PMQ	Roy Giles Jr.	West Palm Beach
W9IOH	Byron Branam	Ruskin
WZ9O	Richard Selander	Gainesville

MESSAGE FROM M.E. (MANAGING EDITOR)

Sounds impressive doesn't it? It doesn't matter so much how it sounds but more what it means. I guess I want to impress on the readers of the FLORIDA SKIP that we want do more to improve the magazine not only esthetically but by embracing more of the amateur radio activities in the state. The original concept of FLORIDA SKIP, 35 years ago, was to provide a single publication that would provide news and unite amateur radio operators throughout the state of Florida. 35 years ago, ham radio operations in Florida were few and far between. Look what has happened to Florida and look what has happened to amateur operations here in those ensuing years!

Without a doubt, there are many more operators and hence more organizations. There are many more modes of operation and more diversified areas of interest. Ham radio has come a long way in 35 years and so has FLORIDA SKIP. Your publisher and editor, Andy Clark W4IYT, has been running with the SKIP all this time with little help. Like FLORIDA SKIP, Andy's MSTVP Television Productions has thrived and he must devote valuable time to this venture. I have been a close friend of Andy since I moved to Florida and since I am gainfully retired (and un- or underemployed) at an age too young for social security, and more importantly since I desperately miss the publishing business, I opted to join forces with FLORIDA SKIP. I fully intend to retain the original concept and traditions of the SKIP and simply improve on a winning formula. The amateur radio operators and readers of the SKIP have defined the philosophy of the magazine and far be it for me to be so vain as to think I should change it.

I do intend to change or streamline the manner of getting information to the SKIP. The base of operations and production for the magazine will be in Melbourne which is central to all of Florida. I will be equipped to receive information via modem, packet, fax, telephone, and even by the U.S. Mail. I will provide the details for all of this by the next issue of FLORIDA SKIP. Additionally, I want to contact the contributing editors and many of the organizations that interact with the SKIP, who provide the information that is so valuable to the success of the magazine. If there is anybody out there that hasn't been heard from, give us a shout.

That's about it from M.E. this month. I must go practice what I preach and get on with the preparation of the March issue of the FLORIDA SKIP.

Gerry (KC4EHT)

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TOP TWENTY TRAFFICERS - JANUARY 1993

by WA4PFK and WX4J

STATION	TOTAL	STATION	TOTAL
1. W3CUL	3097	11. K4IA	275
2. W3VR	1299	12. KD4ELJ	263
3. WX4H	1081	13. NR2F	246
4. WA9VND	910	14. K4FQU	231
5. N4SS	836	15. K4ZK	218
6. WA4QXT	724	16. W4DL	217
7. KB4WBY	573	17. K4EUK	188
8. K4SCL	519	18. KC4ZHF	185
9. WA4EIC	341	19. AA4HT	185
10. WA4PFK	340	20. WD4IIO	176

FLORIDA PHONE NETS DOC W4SME

From DOC, W4SME... FPTN, NET MANAGER... The Net started off the New Year with a pretty resounding "BANG"... checkins increased by almost 100 to 1371 over December... and the traffic for January was 456 pieces. The Net had an average of 44.2 stations checking in daily handling an average of 14.7 pieces of traffic... Our handling time for the month was 2.2 minutes per message!!!

Fourteen stations made the HONOR ROLL for the month of January and they are: WA4EIC, K4EJW, WA4TYU, NR2F, K2GNZ, WD4IVP, N4JAQ, KB4MON, K4NKA, K4SJA, WB4TZR, WA9VND, WB4WYG, WB4ZVD... ELEVEN stations checked in 90% of the time or better: KI4CG, WD4DAH, KO4DR, KB4FIY, N4GMU, WA4JDH, NT4K, KB4L, WB4QKI, W4SME, KB4WCX... AND... the WINNER of the GOLDEN COOKIE AWARD was WA4QXT, WALT on January 26th!!! WA4GYR, Don of Pensacola deserves a real PAT-ON-THE-BACK Having passed his Extra Class exam... However, FCC handed him an Advanced class callsign and Don is now patiently waiting for an EXTRA CLASS callsign...

Bob, KA4DFW of Murrells Inlet, SC is on temporary leave-of-absence status while attending school which meets too early for him to make Net Session... we wish Bob good luck with the school and hope he gets back with us again very soon... Also, WELCOME ABOARD — WB9SHT, BRUCE of Pt. St. Lucie, a new member for 1993... Valentine's Day is soon to be upon us and the traffic count will reflect the thoughtfulness of those sending "HEART" felt greetings...

By the time you get to read this, MIAMI HAMBOREE will be history in the book and we will be looking forward to attending the ORLANDO HAMFEST in March... We look forward to welcoming more new members during the coming year as we thank those regulars who come each day to checkin, receive the traffic and send the traffic... a TIP OF THE SOMBRERO to you all!!! The Florida Phone Traffic Net meets DAILY at 1155Z/0655EST on 3940Khz and we welcome ALL stations having traffic for any location in Florida as well as anywhere within the 48 contiguous states... It's 30 for now... es 73, DOC, W4SME.

Is K4SJA a callsign that is familiar to you?... Have you talked with Charlie in 75?... 20?... and other bands?? Well, Charlie Rhinehart is celebrating this year his 62nd year as a licensed AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR... Charlie has held the callsigns of W8DUJ, W9SNT, K8DKX and has held his present callsign of K4SJA... SINCE 1957... Charlie has also accomplished another feat, in that, he has for 21 years been a member of the Florida Phone Traffic Net which meets daily on 3940 Khz at 0655... He also claims, something which I cannot disprove, that he has maintained PERFECT attendance for the whole 21 years... CONGRATULATIONS de W4SME NET MANAGER, FPTN.

TRAFFIC HOUNDS - JANUARY, 1993

by Bill Jochimsen, K4ZK - STM, So. Fla.

NET	QNI	AVG.	QTC	AVG.	SESS.	MGR	QTC/QNI
OFN	1002	16.2	733	11.8	62	AA4HT	.73
FPTN	1371	44.2	456	14.7	31	W4SME	.33
SEFTN	1106	35.7	371	12.0	31	KD4GR	.34
FMTN	492	15.9	370	11.9	31	WX4H	.75
GN	193	6.2	252	8.1	31	W4DL	1.31
TPTN	472	15.2	211	6.8	31	WB4QKI	.45
SWFTN	580	21.5	123	4.6	27	K4FQU	.21
QFNS	206	6.6	88	2.8	31	WA4QXT	.43
FMSN	260	8.4	78	2.5	31	KC4ECA	.30
FPON	237	7.6	73	2.4	31	WB4GCK	.31
SVTN	831	26.8	62	2.0	31	KD4HZW	.07
NFAN	852		30		26	NR2F	.04
AIN	52	10.4	9	1.8	5	WA4PFK	.17
SFAN	43	8.6	1	0.2	5	KD4GR	.02
ENMC	35		0		5	K4ZK	0

TOTAL QTC: 2857

AVG QTC/QNI

0.36

LATE DEC:

PBTN 724 26.8 24 0.8 27 N4ZDD

From MORT... WX4H, NET MANAGER, FMTN...

Florida Mid-Day Traffic Net meets daily at 1700 UTC/1200EST on 7247.5Khz... Everyone is WELCOME to join the net and the warmup session that immediately precedes the NET... Did everyone get their fair share of rest after the HECTIC HOLIDAYS??? Checkins for the Net increased considerably as did the traffic count... It was really wonderful to see so many stations get involved in the handling of traffic and thanks again to ALL of YOU who contributed to much to the success we had during the month... I want to take this time to recognize some of our TRAVELERS who do so much for the Net...

WB4UNV, CHARLIE in Miramar, K4EBE, DAVE in Bartow, WA4WDM, JIM in St. Pete, N4FL, FLOYD in Ft. Lauderdale, KA4YCL, BERT in Ocala, WN4B, LOU in Crystal River, W4CZP, CLARENCE in Ft. Lauderdale, K4JNR, EDDIE in Columbus, GA and KM4DB, DAVE in Live Oak... What a great group this is... do come back and check-in with us OFTEN!!! The weather all over the country has been weird and it's contributed to some pretty weird band conditions too... I hope that those of you that had all the rain, cold and dampness got through it without the cold or flu bug getting you??? I would like to have you readers tell me what your opinions are regarding HAMFESTS!!! Are they selling items that HAMS can use or are they selling busted lawn chairs and worn out xt computers??? It's my feeling that we ought to keep some pressure on to assure that HAMFESTS are for HAMS and that we try to make parts and equipment available for ALL the new HAMS and soon to be HAMS... WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS??? WRITE ME... The Mid-Day Traffic Net sends its best wishes to all for a most successful 1993... checkin with us often... bring us some traffic and watch how well we can move it for you... we've got a great group of TRAFFIC HANDLERS that do a superb job... THANKS TO ALL OF YOU... ES 73 AND BEST TO ALL, MORT, WX4H.

From EARL, K4FQU... NET MANAGER, SWFTN... Well, looks like 1993 is off to a great start... For the 26 sessions in January we had 580 checkins and an average of 22.3 stations for each session... Although the big rush is over from the HOLIDAYS, we handled 123 pieces of formal traffic for the month with an average of 4.7 pieces per session... With Valentine's Day coming and increases in the visitors into Florida, we can still expect that February will be a pretty busy

month... I want to ask each of you to help me... the NET NEEDS more Net Control Stations... RIGHT NOW... Being an NCS is NOT a difficult task... it is a job in which you can take a great deal of pride and it lets you get closer to the real action as a traffic handler... I have said before in this column that a Net CANNOT exist without the participation of EACH of you... All of the steps that you need to follow are readily available to you, if not directly from me, from other NCS's and members...

PLEASE send me a message and let me know that you WILL support the NET by becoming a REGULAR or ALTERNATE NCS!!! Also, I want to take this opportunity to thank my NCS's who have doubled up on one occasion or another and I hope that you will help me recruit additional NCS stations... In the future, we have Mother's Day and other special events which will create an increased traffic flow and when you have the thought, DO send a message to someone you know that you haven't talked with recently... make someone happy... We look forward to another Message Center being established at the EDISON WINTER HOME Parking lot in February... let's hope that it will again create a source of much traffic... Did your favorite team win at the SUPERBOWL???... I hope so for your sake... Have a great February es 73, EARL, K4FQU

FLORIDA C.W. NETS

By Ed, K4IA

QFN Reported By Rip, AA4HT: As expected the traffic count for January dropped 50% from December. Checkins were about the same with a 1002 total for both sessions. Congratulations to the four that had 100% check in on the late session: WC4D, KA4FZI, WX4H and WA4PFK. That took a lot of effort to meet every late session. Nice to have N4EC, Ed in Gainesville with us as it's great to have coverage in that area.

Congratulations to Don Risavy, ex WA4GYR, a recent upgrade, not KQ4LC. Welcome to Dave, WA1RWO in Holly Hill. The Daytona area has not been available direct since the days of Jane, KB4QWG of New Smyrna. Walt, WA4QXT was the leader this month chalking up 35 net liaisons to his credit of QFN. Having liaison from local nets available to bring traffic to QFN is extremely important. We still need additional liaison, so please help out when you can.

- 73, Rip.

Gator Net Manager Dan, W4DL Writes: Andy, W4IYT: George, K4JI; and Dan, W4DL all deserted Gator Net one session and attended the Miami Hamboree. Meanwhile Mae, W3CUL; Charlie, WA4EYU; and Harris, WA4JDH took care of the Saturday session.

Charlie, WA4EYU says bad weather stops his jogging, and if he can't get to Gator, Harris, WA4JDH sends his traffic for the net.

Chris, N4EKC is wired for packet and getting ready to take that plunge.

Andy, W4IYT has been busy with the FLORIDA SKIP and Traffic Handlers Booths at the Hamboree.

Dan, W4DL is busy replacing a burned up meter board in his amplifier back-up, an AL81A.

- 73, Dan

FMSN Reported By J.B., KC4ECA: A warm handshake goes to two ops who had a perfect attendance in January. They were WC4D and W4WJK. Close behind were AA4FG 90%, WA4QXT 87%, and WA9VND 85% - nice work makes.

New faces showing up for the first time this season included W4EBE, Ed in Bartow; WA4JDH, Harris in Elba, AL; and WA1RWO, Dave from Holly Hill near Daytona. I understand Dave has spent many hours on MRI as NCS and also in taking traffic to 1RN. Gator Net Manager Dan, W4DL also said hello.



Pelican QCWA Chapter had a catered picnic at Lake Seminole Park in St. Petersburg Nov. 18th. As you can see their was 66 Pelicans, Gators and guests in attendance. Family style means were served with plenty of prizes and good fellowship was had by all. (Photo via K9BSL)

Let's keep things hopping on FMSN with your traffic. Shouldn't your grandchildren hear from you on St. Patrick's Day? We are ready to handle it daily on 3651 KHz at 5:30 PM EST.

- 73, JB.

QFNS Reported By Walt, WA4QXT: For January the QNI of 206 with 88 QTC is an improvement. Keep the traffic coming. The net has a new member in Mike, WB4HRG of Jacksonville. It's really good having you Mike, and we will try to get you more traffic.

We had more visitors with KC4FIG, KF8TG and AA4HT. It was good having K8DHD check in from 8RN with a welcome by NCS KA4FZI. Someone from 8RN is about as surprising as a TCC rep on QFNS. We heard from AA4CH on January 10th. Glad to have you back, Cef.

KA4FZI was on the net every night. WC4D and WA4PFK were on 29 nights, followed by WA9VND and WA4QXT with 24. Thanks to all the faithful few, the newcomers and the visitors. I am sorry to relate that my helpmate Zeus is under the vets care for an unsteady gait. I'm hoping he has an early recovery. Come join QFNS at 8:00 PM on 3715 KHz.

- 73, Walt

Last months news didn't make it in time due to mail speed, or lack thereof. Andy now hopes to have space for both columns this month. All CW net managers have been sending me their news via CW for certainty. Andy could do the same, except he needs it typed doublespaced for resetting to FLORIDA SKIP requirements.

- 73, Ed, K4IA

SKIP-ITS

Life is cruel to men. When they're born their mothers get compliments and flowers. When they get married, the bride gets presents and publicity. And when they die their wives get the insurance and the winters in Florida.

The worst place in the world to live is just beyond your income.

FLORIDA C. W. NETS

By Ed, K4IA

QFN reported by Rip, AA4HT: December was a terrific month for QFN for both checkins and traffic. Checkins totaled 1034 and traffic was a whopping 1473. The traffic was moved quickly by a very efficient group of operators. Many nights there were 3 or 4 reps to 4RN needed to handle the load. There always were volunteers to take traffic to the regional nets, and that was appreciated by those hard working NCS's.

There were many occasions when 30 to 50 messages were moved. For example, KA4FZ1 listed 56 with WX4H coming in with 52 a couple of nights later. So many different stations volunteered over and over to help that it would be impossible to list them all. I am sure I would overlook someone but the terrific cooperation from everyone is appreciated. The net control stations and I want to express our thanks to all QFN members for their great teamwork. — 73, Rip.

Gator Net Manager Dan, W4DL writes: Chris, N4EKC went north for Christmas and checked back in on January 7th.

Dan, W4DL says eighth wedding anniversary gifts are electrical appliances or bronze. He gave her a two meter amplifier, she hit him on the head with a bronze candlestick.

Mae, W3CUL and Al, W3VR are getting ready for the Florida State Fair but the new Ten-Tec linear is still in the cartons.

Andy, W4IYT had his family all home for Christmas and is still keeping busy with his video work.

George, K4JI continues to be plagued with arthritis in his hands and a back problem. He actually missed a session in the last 52!

Charlie, WA4EYU spent Christmas at his daughter's in Orange Park. The dinner, a wild turkey; an example of the marksmanship of his son in law.

Dick, N2AOX says the children came down for Christmas and just left. He has the Mercedes 300 back from the garage after a good repair job, and now going into service. — 73, Dan.

FMSN Reported by J.B., KC4ECA: That was quite a Christmas crunch. A few ops must have been late for dinner because the record shows that we handled over 13 messages per day without burning up a single key. QNI percentages were: WC4D and AA4FG 97, WA4QXT and WA9VND 80, and 65 for AA4BN, KC4ECA, AA4HT and W1KAM. Nice job by all.

I just learned that we have a jazz guitar player tuning into the net regularly from Panama City. Harry Barnes, N4LAO has been a ham for 9 years, is retired from government work and holds an extra class license. Harry, maybe you could perform at a hamfest for us someday.

During December we heard much from the "Mall Traffic Man", AA4FG. Mr. Fred from New Port Richey has been licensed for 30 years. He has been an educator for 39 years, holding positions of Principal and Assistant Superintendent. When Fred has a suggestion, it's time to listen up. Love that traffic, Fred.

Hope to see many of you at the Sarasota Hamfest, February 19 and 20. I'm the ticket man, so let me know how many you need on FMSN, 3651 Khz at 5:30 EST any day of the week. — 73, JB.

QFNS Reported by Walk, WA4QXT: December was not what I would have liked but we were there, and will continue to be there. What the net needs is more checkins and of course more traffic. Make the NCS work for a change!

1992 ended with QN1 178, QTC but 79, and QND 572 for the month. I personally have started holding traffic that I know would be good on QFNS, but that is not enough. I guess I'll have to start growing some home-grown traffic for the net. Others are encouraged to do the same.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are over but Valentine's Day

and Easter are coming, and of course the Florida State Fair and other fairs will be generating traffic for us. Well, that's all for now so, come join the fun on QFNS at 8:00 P.M. on 3715 KHz. That's in the Novice band so almost all hams are qualified — 73, Walt.

In reading about the recent oil spill, it is said that it might have been avoided had there been someone on the abandoned tanker to connect a tow line from a rescue ship. Somewhat analogous to this is the practice of going QNF for a net that is still handling traffic off channel.

Even though in most cases no problems occur, I have found that help is required in situations involving running out of time, equipment malfunction, and propagation. In this case, we would have closed the net assuming those messages were cleared.

Your comments are welcome. — 73, Ed, K4IA

FAREWELL TO THE "OLE SALT"

By Dr. W.R. 'DOC' Staples

Asst. Dir. ARRL, Net Manager, FPTN

It was Melbourne, Saturday, Noon, September 12 when 39 FPTN members, wives, friends and guests sat down to a scrumptious buffet in the Venezia Room of the Rialto Hilton. This annual affair of the FPTN members in conjunction with the Melbourne Hamfest had a particular significance this year. It's theme was that of celebrating the 15 year tenure as Net Manager of Bill Richards, WB4WYG!

After everyone had been through the buffet line at least once and the second cup of coffee was poured, 'Doc', W4SME opened the meeting and asked for comments from the Section Traffic Manager, Bill Jochimsen. Bill responded with his thanks to Bill, WB4WYG for a 'great' job and then passed the podium to Dick Hill, Section Communications Manager. Dick mentioned the enviable record that FPTN had acquired under Bill's leadership and together with Bill Jochimsen presented Bill, WB4WYG a Certificate of Meritorius Achievement.

Our own Vice-Director, Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR then took the floor and reflected upon the different Net Managers of FPTN and then spoke about how the net continued to grow and gain technical proficiency under Bill's guidance.

'Doc', W4SME then took the floor and made a presentation to Bill of a plaque that had the outline of the State of Florida, and mounted on it were engraved plates attesting to Bill's tour from 1977 to 1992 and the affectionate inscription 73 "Ole Salt". From one Navy man to another it represented the highest tribute afforded a departing shipmate.

Bill then produced a large package which had been sent by Laura, WA9VND. After much cutting of tape and tearing of paper, Bill produced a framed montage of all of the members of FPTN. (See picture) This truly impressive masterpiece of effort by Laura was lauded by everyone! We were all sorry that Laura could not attend due to another more pressing commitment.

The formal part of the meeting was then closed, and all present had an opportunity to talk with Bill and view the treasures that he had received before returning to the Hamfest in session.

WHAT'S AMATEUR RADIO?

By Special Correspondent

Carl Zelich, AA4MI

The ARRL Educational Activities Depart. now has an 800 number for PROSPECTIVE Radio Amateurs: 800-326-3942.

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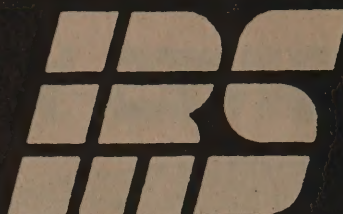
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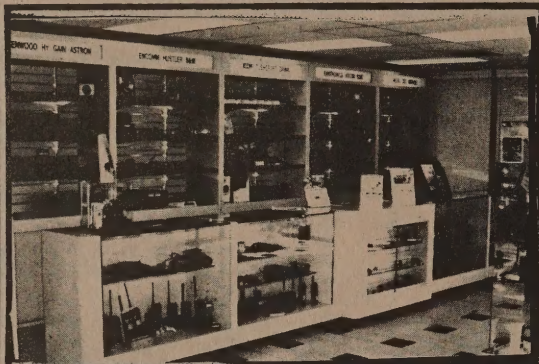
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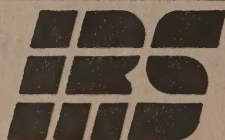


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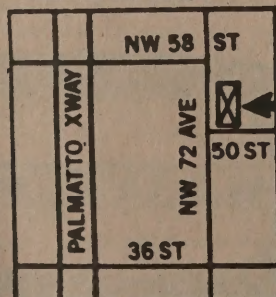


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FLORIDA Q.C.W.A. NEWS
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FLORIDA STATE QCWA NEWS Edited by Eli Nannis K4JMH

In Florida, we have about 20 QCWA chapters. However about only five chapters send in their reports to be published in this newspaper. We are interested in what other chapters are doing so why not get your secretary to send me a report on your meetings. My address is on the front page of SKIP. Plans for the national QCWA convention to be held in Clearwater Holiday Inn are coming along quite well. We will have programs for both men and women. The convention will be held on October 29-30 and this is a fine time of the year in Florida. If you attended our 1986 convention, you know you are going to have a good time. There will be more information in the QCWA Journal.

GATOR CHAPTER

We really started off the new year with a bang. The attendance was 57 members and guests. We are now collecting dues for 1993. Our national officer insists that all members of a QCWA chapter pay dues. Our long time member Ray Eastman K40C is now a silent key. Flyers for the national convention to be held on October 29-30, 1993 in Clearwater were passed out. Members were asked to volunteer to help run the convention. Plans are proceeding quite well. We have some very nice looking convention pins which will be on sale soon.

Art Monsees W4BK presented a 60 year certificate to Wes Randles W4COW. Jim Keyes K4FCW advised that he has 279 countries confirmed. We wonder when he sleeps. Pictures of the Pelican and Gator Picnic held in November were passed around. Our newest member is Bob Kleiber KR8G. He was introduced to the membership. Our president W2ZYQ was the only one with a birthday this month. It was voted to donate \$200 to the convention fund. A long time member, Les Pulley W4DH, received a plaque from OOTC of 83 years and one from QCWA of 80 years. Les still drives his own car. The program was given by Bob Creech. He showed sea shells that he has collected all over the world. He also collects minerals, fossils, coins and stamps. It was a most interesting talk.

Reported by Eli Nannis K4JMH, Secretary

HERNANDO CHAPTER

Our Christmas party and meeting was held on Dec. 15th with 21 members and guests present. A moment of silence was held for Fred Wright, K2DER who became a silent key on Dec. 5th. It was reported that Ed and Leitha Tilton were both feeling under the weather. We wish them both a speedy recovery. We had a table full of door prizes. We thank every one who brought a gift to add to the enjoyment of the afternoon. Also thank you all for bringing so much for our contribution to Day Star. Birthdays for January are Helen WA5WAR, Virginia XYL of AI AB4GD, Charles WA8APQ and XYL Mary Lee share the same day, Jan. 31st. Leland W5KL and Helen WA5WAR have a double special day as their anniversary is also Helen's birthday. Our Annual meeting will be on Tuesday, January 19th and includes the election of officers. The nominating committee presented its slate of officers at the Nov. meeting and it was published in the December Newsletter. We meet as usual at Sorrento's in Weeki Wachii. We are sorry to report that Bob King K1ADU became a silent key on December 28th.

Reported by Eunice Gordon W1UKR, Secretary

SUNCOAST CHAPTER

Our regular meeting was held at the House of Chong in Sarasota Jan. 7th. There were 51 members and guests present and Wes and Blanche Randles were among those present. It was reported that Leigh Blakslee W4GR is a Silent Key. Wes W4COW talked about the Educational Fund. This year QCWA awarded 9 scholarships of \$800 each. Only the income from the fund is used. Blanche W4GXY spoke on her work in furnishing the QCWA Journal on tapes for blind members. She also spoke on plans for the next QCWA convention to be held in Clearwater on October 29-30, 1993. Frank Schwab W90K gave an interesting slide presentation on their DX pedition to St. Lucie. A few days after the meeting we learned of another silent key, Win Ramsdell W1FBJ.

Reported by Bob Bookwalter W4NWF

PELICAN CHAPTER

A chapter meeting was held on Jan. 20th at the Homestyle Family Buffet in St. Petersburg. The attendance was 30 members and guests. It was announced that Gil W8HEZ is going back into the hospital in several weeks and Alice WB4ZPU was going to Ed White Hospital for an MRI. The program for this meeting was a slide show of Jay K9BSK and Jackie's Mediterranean 14 day cruise aboard the Cunard Princess. They visited the island of Crete, the island of Rhodes and then to Alexandria. The ship stopped at many exotic places. We congratulated Wes Randles W4COW on receiving the QCWA Golden Certificate award at the Gator meeting for 60 years of continuous licensing. We received information on frequencies used in the February 18 shuttle flight. On board will be a German amateur station operating on 70cm voice. We had a number of birthdays in February, K40C, KB4ZB, W4HAZ, Edith XYL of Dave Davis W4GQ, Fred Frick W4BN, Allan Stephens k40K. Happy anniversary to Dutch KF4DI and Helen Romig, Ed WA1HCK and Ruth Read and Jim K4FCW and Lois Keyes. President Jay Strom K9BSL advised that the Pelican net is on every Saturday at 10 AM on the Pelican repeater 145.29. He hopes that all Pelicans work the QCWA CW and phone QSL partys. They are the 1st weekend of February for CW and 2nd weekend of March for phone. The Pelican and Gator chapters are the co-host of the 1993 National Convention.

Reported by Chuck Gramm KB4ZB

QUARTER CENTURY WIRELESS ASSOCIATION Southwest Ohio Chapter 9

The Southwest Ohio Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association will hold its 1993 Annual Banquet, Friday, April 23, the first evening of the Dayton Hamvention at Neil's Heritage House. C.O.D. bar at 6:30, the banquet starts at 7:30 p.m. Reservations required. Tickets \$16.00 each. QCWA membership is not a requirement to attend. Gordon West, WB6NOA, will be the featured speaker. For tickets make check payable to Robert L. Dingle, Treas. Chapter 9 and mail to 1117 Big Hill Road, Kettering, OH 45429-1201.



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OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB NEWS

When I agreed to write this column last month I figured that our regular scribe, Jim Gundry, W4JM would be back in here doing his thing by now, but he up and went back into the hospital... Some of the guys on the net said it was because he liked the food and he gets to chase the nurses, but I think he just wanted to get out of writing this column!!! Kidding aside, we all hope Jim is back in good shape and has nothing seriously wrong. We're looking forward to seeing him at the Orlando Hamfest in a couple of weeks...

Got the news on the net that Gus Gironda, W2JE became a Silent Key late in January. Uncle Gus was the glue that held the OOTC together for quite a while and was solely responsible for seeing that the Spark Gap Times survived some trying times in the recent past. Personally, I was recruited into the OOTC by Uncle Gus back in 1986, and while I didn't know him well, I considered him a good friend and will miss him as I know will you all. W2JE 30.

Our District Director, Bob Bookwalter, W4NWF has passed the word that the decision on the dues structure and the future distribution of the SGT to all the members has been made. Look for everything to be spelled out completely in the next issue of Spark Gap Times. In the meantime, I'll try to keep you up to date in this column with what comes over the grapevine.

The Wednesday morning net is getting to be more and more popular. We're almost up to as many checkin's as we have on the Saturday QCWA/OOTC net. Why not join the fun on 7274kc at 1000 local (1500 Z) every Wednesday morning.

73 de Bob McDow, W4KOG

DADE RADIO CLUB OF MIAMI, INC.

Classes leading to a ham radio license will be offered at the Miami Museum of Science, 3280 South Miami Avenue, beginning Thursday, March 25th at 7:30 p.m.

The Dade Radio Club of Miami is offering the course that prepares students for the Novice class and "No Morse Code" Technician class license exams required by the Federal Communications Commission.

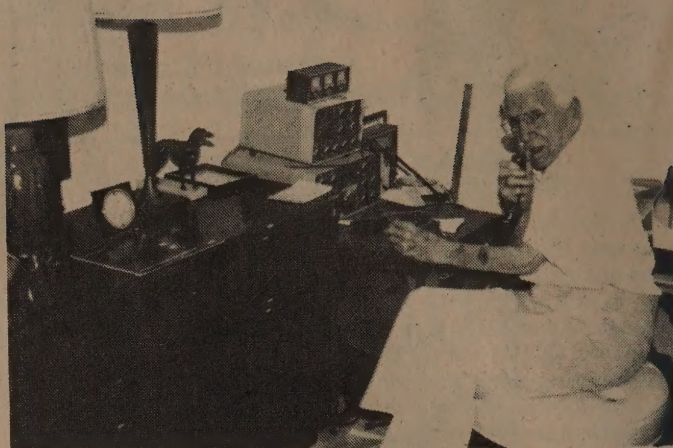
The eight week course is designed for self instruction with a qualified instructor on hand to explain basic radio theory and, for those who want it, Morse Code practice. A \$28 charge helps defray the cost of materials.

Any person, regardless of age or citizenship, may obtain an amateur radio license. Only agents of foreign governments are ineligible.

The Dade Radio Club of Miami was organized in 1944 and is a not-for-profit organization that maintains a fully equipped amateur radio station at the Museum of Science.

Members of the club provided emergency communications during and after Hurricane Andrew and other disasters and public service events. The club also sponsors the Tropical Hamboree at the Dade County Youth Fair Grounds the first weekend in February each year. It is the second largest event of its kind in the United States.

For more information on the ham radio course call Rick Vahan at 595-2120 evenings and weekends and 372-3456 weekdays.



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He then went to Western Electric where he held many different jobs for 38 years. He has been retired for 33 years.

Lester is 96 years old and still active on the air. He repairs his tube type radios. He got his present call in 1960 and is a member of the Gator Chapter of QCWA and is a member of OOTC.

QCWA Director Art Miligan, W8KW, presented Les a QCWA Plaque for 80 years. OOTC 4th District Director Bob Bookwalter gave him an 83 Year Certificate.

HCARA CONDUCTS ARRL-VEC FCC EXAMS

By Special Correspondent
Carl Zelich, AA4MI

The Hernando County Amateur Radio Association will be conducting ARRL-VEC Amateur Radio exams, Novice through Extra class, on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hernando County Government Center, Brooksville, FL.

The next testing session will be February 4, 1993.

Testing will be held in the first floor Training Room, room 163, located across the hall from the Building Department. Testing will begin at 6:30 p.m..

Bring the original and a photocopy of your current FCC Amateur License. Also bring the original and a photocopy of each Certificate of Successful Completion for any elements passed.

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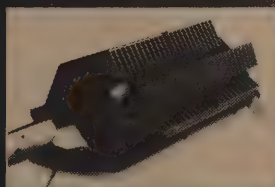
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Florida Army MARS News

by Lorraine S. Matthew/AAM3PR

Florida Army MARS members have been busy this past month with many projects going, some long in place, and some new programs that illustrate the innovative nature of the Florida Army MARS program.

With the primary mission of Army MARS calling for highly skilled operators to "provide DOD-sponsored emergency communications on a local, national, and international basis as an adjunct to normal communications", the updating of the MARS Emergency S.O.P. is always an on-going priority. The provision for MARS to act in emergencies, on all levels, is one of the longest in-place programs that exists.

The current up-dating of the Emergency Plan is being led by Bill/AAV4TM, the newly appointed Director of Emergency Operations (DEO) for Florida Army MARS. He is assisted by the Assistant Director of Emergency Operations, Bill/AAT4RR. The four emergency communication districts in Florida have been renamed Zones in order to better coordinate with the rest of CONUS ARMY MARS. The zone coordinators are in place - Jack/AAR4UA in Zone 1 (North-west Florida), Ed/AAR4OU in Zone 2 (Northeast Florida), Tom/AAT4LA in Zone 3 (Central Florida), and Steve/AAR4OF in Zone 4 (Southern Florida). Assistant zone coordinators are being named and the call-up telephone trees and procedures are being developed. It is expected that these plans will be in place by March 1, 1993. Thought has been expressed by our DEO that a test of the emergency plan as developed by that time could be held during the month of March. Such tests serve to point out both the strengths and the weaknesses of any plan. It will be interesting to see what the results will be. Bill/AAV4TM has expressed other means and ideas to improve Florida's emergency capabilities.

Florida Army MARS' newest staff appointee is Bob Hoguet/AAR4VT. He has been named DIRECTOR OF V. A. OPERATIONS for Florida Army MARS. Bob has spearheaded the pilot program originated in Florida to extend Army MARS privileges to veterans in V.A. Hospitals and Nursing Homes. Heretofore, those privileges had been denied anyone who was not active military. It was Florida's viewpoint that these veterans had given so much for us, that the least we could do was to serve them now. The legalities were solved and the program was launched. Bob has worked tirelessly to coordinate the program throughout the five major V.A. facilities in Florida. He is being assisted in Tampa by Wally/AAR4BY, in Bay Pines by Elmer/AAV4LLT, in Lake City by Bill/AAV4DP, in Gainesville by Tony/AAR4GA, and in Miami by Hank/AAV4JLT. All Florida Army MARS appreciates the work that these members are doing. This is a pilot program of which Florida Army MARS can be proud.

Tony/AAR4GA is wearing two staff hats these days. The first one names him as the Assistant 2-meter Simplex Director. One of the aims of Florida Army MARS is to develop the capability of the statewide coverage via 2-meter communications, simplex wherever possible. The premise is that 2-meter repeaters can be put out of operation in a storm or other catastrophe. Simplex operations are much less vulnerable to being shut down by storms, power outages, et al. Simplex operations are very easily made mobile as well. 2-meter clusters have been developed in several areas of the

state with more to follow as the appropriate location of membership is developed. We still have many members who live too far from each other to communicate. Don't be surprised to see Florida Army MARS target specific areas in recruiting new membership.

The other hat that Tony/AAR4GA wears is that of Zone Participation Coordinator. Through this office, less active Army MARS members will be encouraged to participate and all MARS members will be reminded that Participation Reports are required to be filed each month. Florida Army MARS members have good participation but this participation needs to be reported. Tony will see to that.

On February 7, the Florida Army MARS members in the Crestview area attended a MARS training seminar conducted by Jack/AAR4UA and Lori/AAM3PR. The group worked enthusiastically and the session proved to be very productive. The seminar was designed specifically for the newer Tango Members, but the more experienced members who were there also expressed the fact that they, too, benefited from the program. One of the results of preparing for the seminar was the writing of a basic operations booklet which already has been revised since the seminar - revision reflecting an omission that was observed at the seminar and answers to questions that were raised there. This booklet has been submitted to the Florida Army MARS Training Director, Jim/AAT4UG, the State MARS Director, Bert/AAA4FL, and Jim/AAT4RD, the Assistant State MARS Director for examination and approval. If accepted, it could be made available to all new members to Florida Army MARS.

Florida Army MARS was well represented at the Miami Hamfest on February 6 and 7 by Jim/AAT4RD, the Assistant State MARS Director. Jim reported that many members visited the all-services booth and we have a number of potential new recruits who signed up for additional information.

The Pensacola Hamfest, on February 13, also featured a MARS booth manned by Gasper/AAT4WC, Matt/AAT4MD, Lori/AAM3PR, and other members who came by and sat awhile. This is the whole secret of working an Army MARS booth - just sit and talk to the people who come by (or stand as you wish). A good time is guaranteed.

Florida Army MARS looks forward to the Orlando Hamfest coming on March 13 and 14, 1993. An all-service booth is planned and may feature an operating station. This booth will be located in the commercial vendors' area. At the Ramada Inn, two meetings are planned - the Florida Army MARS state meeting to be followed by the state all-service meeting. This is the major state event of the year and is a central location for most members. It is my hope that many Florida Army MARS will be able to attend.

The weekend following Orlando is the Fort Walton Beach Hamfest which, too, will feature a MARS booth and meeting. All Panhandle Florida Army MARS members are encouraged to attend. Even those who will be having booths of their own can stop by and check in. We look forward to seeing you there. More about that venture will be reported in this column next month.

Until next month, I hope to talk to some of you on the nets and to share with you the enthusiasm of Florida Army MARS.

THE PANHANDLE AT A GLANCE

By "Matt" Matthew - KC4RKJ

The Pensacola HamFest on February 13th at the Bayfront Municipal Auditorium is the first of the Western Florida Panhandle events to occur.

The second Panhandle event is getting closer and closer. On March 20th and 21st the Ft. Walton Playground Amateur Radio Club will host their HamFest at the Fairgrounds in Ft. Walton Beach. The gates will open on Saturday at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 5:00 P.M. They will reopen Sunday at 8:00 A.M. and will close at 3:00 P.M.

Dealers, meetings and flea market will give a well-rounded menu for those shopping for both old and new. Admission is \$4.00 at the gate and \$3.00 for advanced purchases. Ladies and all who are under 16 years old are admitted free.

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MARS and ARRL will have manned booths and both will have meetings; so look for a schedule of events for the time and location.

With this the Western Florida Panhandle will conclude its HamFest schedule until next year. We hope all of you found that little something that you have been looking for.

Now this doesn't rule out the migration of Panhandle amateur radio operators to events in other states as well as to other parts of Florida.

Many of the area members have already gone to the Greenville, Alabama HamFest and other journeyed to Miami and Tampa for their shows.

Orlando will host their annual HamCation and Computer Show at the Central Florida Fairgrounds on March 12th, 13th, and 14th.

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Army MARS will hold their annual meeting where various topics will be discussed.

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A newcomer has entered the field of HamFests with its 1st annual presentation. It was formerly known as PoorMan's HamFest. The event will take place at Alachua County Fair Grounds. For those who live in the eastern Panhandle, this would entail a drive about the same distance that would be required for the Jacksonville HamFest which incidently is held on July 31st and August 1st.

More later about this new HamFest.

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PROTOCOL PROJECT

by Special Correspondent
Carl Zelich, AA4MI

The following was provided by Ed Juge, W5T00, Chairman of the ARRL Digital Committee.

ARRL DIGITAL COMMITTEE PROTOCOL STANDARD PROJECT

The ARRL Committee on Digital Communication has begun a project to define a standard for the interchange of messages between amateur bulletin board systems. Craig McCartney, WA8DRZ, has been appointed project coordinator and Vic Poor, W5SMM, alternate coordinator. The Committee has accepted an offer from Bob Arasmith, NOARY, to use his Packet/Internet BBS as a collection point for all documents related to the project, and to act as librarian and editor for the project.

Interested amateurs are encouraged to contribute specifications for currently used software, comments, suggestions or any data that would contribute to drafting a final specification. The initial phase of the project is to establish current practices in writing, and to draft a minimum set of functions that an amateur BBS should perform for inter-bbs compatibility. At the successful completion of this first phase, the Committee will consider extending the project to include extended features that require standards for inter-BBS compatibility.

Information contributions to the project should be addressed to: NOARY@NOARY.#NOCAL.CA.USA.NA over amateur channels or NOARY@arasmith.com over Internet.

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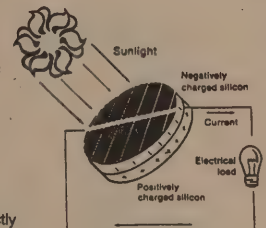


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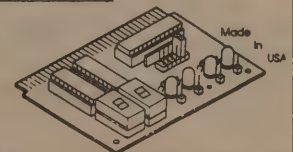


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Jim Gundry, W4JM was in the hospital again the first week of January... He is back at home now and at this time it's not known just what the problem is!!! We all wish Jim a quick "get well" and hope to hear from him back on the net soon. In the meantime a nice card or phone call is in order... We have also heard that George Decker, K4AAP has been ill. Even though he's an hour ahead, George checks in quite often on Sunday morning. Send cards to George at 241 Bentwood Ln., St. Peters, MO 63376-7104. No word on Duke, K14GH. If anyone knows, let me know so we can pass the word...

The tomatoes are doing pretty good this year ... We're starting to get a few now and then and there are a lot of them still coming. I learned my lesson last year though, this time I planted them where they wouldn't shade MOMMA'S roses, and everything went a lot smoother.

Don't know if anyone had noticed... I've finally gotten rid of the old G5RV and I'm using a new Trapped dipole on 40 and 80!!! I never did care too much for the G5RV, it always seemed to me to be a compromise on everything and I was always having to play with the antenna tuner to keep the exciter and amplifier happy. The new antenna is less than 1.5:1 and 40 and is 1:1 at 3930kc on 80, so I don't need the tuner at all any more and I still get a better match!!! I did blow one of the trap capacitors though when I first tried it with the amp. I had used the regular technique for making a cap out of coax, and it promptly arced across the air gap at one end. I came up with a slick redesign to eliminate the air gap. I'll let you know what it is after it has had time to age... HI... HI...

Hope I got to see a lot of you in Miami!!!!

73 & 88 de Bob McDow, W4KOG

OKEECHOBEE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By John Veach, KE4D

ARRL-VEC tests were given for the first time by the Okeechobee Amateur Radio Club on Saturday, January 23. Seven candidates appeared for our testing session with three no code technicians and a novice leaving with smiles on their faces. OARC will be conducting exams once each quarter at the First Baptist Church, 401 S.W. 4th St., Okeechobee, FL. Testing dates for the rest of 1993 will be: March 6, June 5, September 18 and at our Hamfest on December 4.

Walk-ins are welcome. Bring original CSCE's, a copy of your license if any and a picture id. Cost for 1993 is \$5.60. Further information can be obtained by calling KE4D at 813-763-8261.

The Okeechobee Amateur Club meets on the first Monday of each month at the Village Square Restaurant on West South Park Street.

BONNIE ENGELMAN THANKS AMATEUR RADIO

The Letter, Amateur Radio's Finest Hour, published in the December issue of the Florida SKIP, is the gentle, caring voice of Amateur Radio reaching out to touch a grieving sister in her moment of deepest sorrow.

Traditionally, Amateur Radio is quick to publicize its legendary contributions to public service, but the following letter from Bonnie Engelman, widow of the late KD4OZY, struck down by Hurricane Andrew, is a powerful testimonial that the kind word can be the greatest gift of all:

Dear Mr. Amann,

I want to thank you for all the lovely things you have sent to me, and all the time you have given me in my time of grief. I keep Herb's picture in front of me and talk to him often. He was a great person, and I will always miss him, as will his two daughters and five grandchildren.

I am doing well and really look forward to the holidays with all the grandchildren. They are just the medicine I need right now.

I am a strong person, and I am really proud of myself right now. I feel good, look good, and my thoughts are all of good things.

You are a very loving and caring person. And again thank you and please have yourself a very merry Christmas and a good New Year.

Respectfully

Respectfully,
Bonnie Engelman



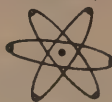
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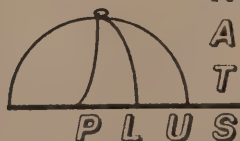


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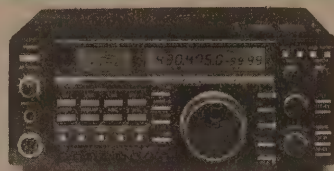
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by Kay Anderson, W8DUV, ARRL NTS Pkt Mgr SFL

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W7LUS	3459	4927	324	8710	BGHS
KB4VOL	4050	2519	197	6766	BS
WB4TEM	4242	1945	246	6433	B
KE2IX	2071	2638	704	5413	BH
W8DUV	2747	2131	315	5193	BH
KP4EDL	331	1177	38	4546	BGHT
W4MWP	2523	1353	290	4166	BGH
WD4NKZ	2632	1311	110	4053	B
KB4GBS	2710	1323	7	3949	BS
WD8IBY	2765	677	126	3568	B
N4ZIQ	1929	1274	46	3249	B
WB2VPA	1314	1749	153	3216	BS
KB4WUA	1014	91	16	1121	B
KI4ZJ	899	87	43	1029	B
K4TKU	149	567	3	719	H

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W4DPH	2673	5968	295	8936	BGH
KB4VOL	3682	2410	81	6173	BS
W8DUV	2104	1938	77	4119	BH
N4ZIQ	1392	1890	35	3317	BH
KE2IX	1209	1988	103	3300	BH
W4MWP	1897	1233	66	3196	BGH
KP4EDL	2473	684	33	3190	BGHT
KB4GBS	1947	991	12	2950	BS
WD8IBY	1954	669	44	2667	B
WB2WPA	1049	1191	52	2292	BS
KI4ZJ	1104	179	9	1292	BH

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F.A.D.C.A. LIVES

By Kay Anderson W8DUV

Twenty-six dedicated packet enthusiasts, including FADCA's temporary President, Treasurer and Secretary, plus Directors from all over Florida, met at Perkins Restaurant, Venice, FL on Jan. 30 to make some important decisions which will surely affect all of us.

Doug, WB4KGY presented a proposal to close 'black holes'. This plan includes a list of equipment and the cost for each site from WPB to ORL, Lakeland and beyond. Russ, N4KOX displayed his plan for ROSE paths to TLH, PRY, GNV, STA, Cross City, Fanning Springs, and Howie-in-the-Hills, to close gaps to DAB, OCF and ORL. The proposal includes routes north to 4 points in GA. FADCA approved the plans and agreed to help fund the projects. Much of the cost will be borne by local LANS and individuals in or near the proposed links. For more info on what is needed, frequency selection, time frame for



THE MIAMI HAMBOREE FOR 1993 was the best! Over 18K persons participated! It was very hard to see everything in 2 days. The 6000 swap tables were busy both days. Our Florida SKIP Booth was mobbed Saturday! Sunday it thinned out. We want to thank everyone who came by to say hello and renew their subscriptions and pick up a free calendar. Great show and hope to see you there next year! - AC

completion, etc., contact WB4KGY, N4KOX, or any FADCA Director. Let's say THANKS to these hard-working amateurs and help them achieve these goals. After all, its for the good of all of us, not just the ones who can't get their messages past the 'holes.'

ELECTIONS: Acting Pres. Joe, WB4TEM says we should soon hold elections for officers and directors. The next scheduled meeting is in May, at MLB. Be thinking of who you know who could and would help lead this organization for a year or so. Maybe its YOU. Let us know.

This newsletter is the result of a new committee appointment: Public Relations. W8DUV, Chairman; W4DPH, KO4KS, W7LUS, members. I'll send these GOOD NEWS bulletins to keep you informed — whenever there is Good News. Feedback welcomed.

POLITICKING FOR CW

With Amateur Radio also susceptible to the changing and disturbing times, Clark Evans, Sr., WA4DLL's ministry, Morse Code Is The Universal Language, published in the February Issue of the Florida SKIP, was delightful, nostalgic and, for obvious reasons, very timely.

The true meaning of Clark's vignette is destined to remain in the hearts and minds of dedicated and tolerant hams long after its skeptics or their posterity have left this vale. And CW, with its beautiful voice like the sound of a flute echoing down from the mountain top to the valley below, will continue to carry the Morse Code's message of friendship and good will to all mankind.

CW's rendezvous with destiny has reached beyond the stars we cannot see. Who are we to question or stop its probing journey into the infinity of space?

Larry Amann, K5TQN, 1925-2002
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SKIP-ITS

When you get to heaven you'll likely view many folks whose presence there will shock you. But be very quiet, do not even stare. Doubtless there'll be many folks surprised to see you there.

SOUTH FLORIDA ARRL SECTION ORGANIZING JUMP TEAMS

**By Jim Goldsberry KD4GR, Asst. SEC
South Florida**

Hurricane Andrew made us all realize we were not prepared for the wide area of devastation in south Dade County. Many of us did respond, however, the response was in fact slow, and not well coordinated. I used the word "slow" because the hurricane had passed us about 10:00 AM Monday, August 24th. We did not even know the extent of the problem until early evening. Tuesday and Wednesday were spent in meetings and planning sessions. Thursday the first team from Broward County was deployed. If we had been prepared we should have been able to deploy a team 24 to 48 hours earlier. We have learned.

I used the term "not well coordinated". Dade County EOC was overwhelmed due to the fact that what was left of the amateur radio repeater system in Dade County was the total communications system for the county. All other communication systems were destroyed by the storm. Due to this stress on the EOC communications system it was impossible to coordinate all of the relief effort. You just could not contact the EOC. As EC for Broward County I coordinated with the Broward County RACES Officer, Robin N4HHP, and personally directed jump teams into Dade County without any contact with the Dade EOC.

We did the best we could, and I think overall, we did a fine job. The question now is "What did we learn?" We learned that county focused ARES can handle local emergencies, but major emergencies need another approach. We learned we need a section level, or state level response plan for major emergencies.

It is my responsibility to organize and report for these Quick Response or Jump Teams in the South Florida ARRL Section. This does not appear to me to be an easy task. I have set a goal to have a plan in effect which I will present at the Governors Hurricane Conference next June. Here is the criteria I think will give us the results needed:

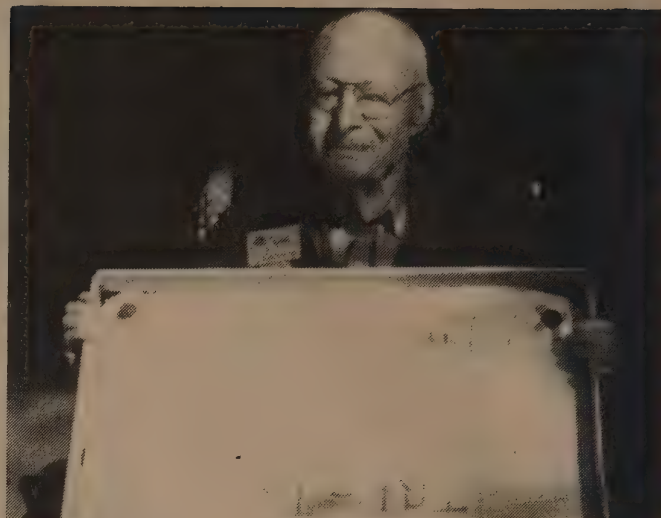
1. Each county EC should organize a jump team for their county. If you contact your local clubs they may be able to help form additional teams.
2. Jump teams should have three primary elements:
 - Technical support: A person to setup an operating station and maintain it.
 - Trained operators to handle traffic and coordinate with the EOC, Red Cross, or Salvation Army.
 - A liaison person to take and get messages on the operating site. This person does not need to be a licensed operator.

I think a team should be comprised of three groups that can be deployed for two or three days and be relieved by the second and third groups. The relief groups can also resupply the effort as they cycle in. This would equate to three self-sustaining groups for a total of at least nine people, six licensed operators, for one team.

In the event the disaster area is a significant distance from the teams home base it may be advisable to establish a staging area for several teams where supplies are available as close as possible to the disaster area. These efforts can be coordinated on a section or state level. The staging area would be setup to provide communications between the teams in the disaster area and their home bases.

Portable VHF repeaters need to be ready to be deployed by jump teams to establish communications within the disaster area. This would have to include generators and antenna support structures.

An ARES command post could be established in the disaster area, or in the staging area, to coordinate the work in



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Dutch Romig, KI4DI of Pelican QCWA Chapter in St. Petersburg. Dutch just turned 88 years young last Nov. His birthday cake didn't last long with his 66 friends to help him eat it. (Photo via K9BSL)

the disaster area. This would be the major contact point for the local EOC and take some of the burden off of them so they can concentrate on coordinating other local government services.

There are several things we can all start working on now to make this plan a reality by June of 1993. ARES does not have any budget to work with. We must all work with our local clubs and RACES organizations to help provide the hardware necessary for this kind of effort. We all have radios and some of us have generators and batteries for use during an emergency. We need to work with our local clubs and RACES to budget the generators, portable VHF repeater systems, and large tents to house us and our equipment for this kind of disaster relief.

This is a large order to fill in the first six months of 1993. It will take a lot of hard work by all of us to make this happen. However, we were able to respond to Hurricane Andrew and I believe we can prepare for the next hurricane season in that time period.

Please report your work to your county ARRL Emergency Coordinator. South Florida EC's should report their QRT Teams progress to KD4GR monthly by the 5th of the next month. I will establish a data base containing information about manpower and equipment availability. This information will be reported to ARRL Headquarters monthly. I can be contacted via packet radio KD4GR @ KD4GR. My mailing address is 8901 NW 26th Street, Sunrise, FL 33322. I can also be contacted on the South Florida ARES Net each Saturday morning 3940 KHz. at 8:00 AM or immediately following the South Florida ARRL Information Net on the same frequency.

North Florida Section amateurs may contact SEC George Thurston, W4MLE @ WN4IIV. His address is 2116 Gibbs Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303. George and I have discussed the coordination of Jump Teams throughout the state. We will meet during the Governors Hurricane Conference next June to discuss our progress.

Your county's ARES group is the place to begin. If you are not a member now, please join. If you are active in a local club tell them they are needed to support this effort. You can make a difference.

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- Editor

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WANTED: JOHNSON Kw Match Box in Good condition. Fernando Cruz 2510 SW 5th Ave., Miami, FL 33129-2215 305 854-0339.

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WANTED: WANTED WANTED Service manual for Yaesu FT-107M. Write Price to Linwood R. Miller WA4SPR, 10046 Hayward, Spring Hill, FL 34608. Note: No phone given with ad.

SELL : ATLAS 210X with manual \$225. Yaesu FV-707DM digital VFO \$95. Realistic HTX-100 (10 meter mobile.), like new in box \$145. ICOM IC-02AT has IC-PB7 battery \$195. ICOM IC-2AT \$145. Alpha Delta DX-A (160-80-40) twin sloper, new \$45. Gonset GPP-2 Hybrid phone patch \$15. Jim Standafer K8HEY P.O. Box 1124, San Mateo, FL 32187-1124 904 325-6670.

ONE OF THE BIGGEST DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PARANTS AND GRANDPARENTS IS THAT PARENT SAY "NO" BETTER.

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EXPERIENCE IS WHAT QUALIFIES YOU TO DO A GOOD JOB BUT OVERQUALIFIES YOU TO GET IT.....

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, BUT ENTHUSIASM PULLS THE SWITCH....

HAMBERS WORK. TELL YOUR FRIENDS. SEE RATE SHEET FOR DETAILS. Editor.

STOLEN H/T. Be on lookout for Kenwood TH-27A stolen from my car sometime after midnight on 25 July 1992. Serial No. 20502548. Reward for return. Harry Mead W4MRY, 407 - 277-0391 or 407 281-1288 or write 38 N. Alder Dr. Orlando, FL 32807.

SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE SHACK!

By Doc Staples, W4SME

For some time now, I've been wandering around the Ham Bands doing nothing more than 'snooping' well maybe, more just listening to what's going on! And to be sure, a lot does go on! Much of it reflects a true interest in Ham Radio, some of it nonsensical garbage, some of it comradeship developed from long established, on the air, contacts, some of it traffic handling, some of it weather information, and some of it the concerns of particular groups that meet daily to determine if 40 other people on frequency have a number so they can have their chance to say, in the allotted time, 'whatever!' And definitely don't forget the rare DX!

It is truly fascinating to hear the 'strange' lingo that has crept into the "HAM" communication system! WE are now, and have been for some time, afflicted with EX-MOD Children's Band terminology reminiscent of the 18 wheelers' patois, plus the repugnant mixture of 4 to 7 letter words that succinctly elaborate the location, type, status and origin of the species! And not to be forgotten are those that have crafted for themselves a collection of "Q" signals used improperly in SIDEBAND exchanges!

To those who have ELEVATED themselves from the ranks of CB'ers, I congratulate you for your time, work and perserverence to achieve Amateur status! However, might I remind you that if you LISTEN carefully to MOST Amateurs operating on SIDEBAND, they do NOT embrace the descriptive colloquialisms inherent to 27Mhz! You may even find some of our ways of expressing ourselves as being more generic than 'GOOD BUDDY' terminology. The Amateur vocabulary sets one apart as belonging to an elite society that

has an elegant history with some well defined language parameters!

The FCC has recently indicated that they plan to take a further look at some of the XXX rated language used on the HAM bands! As an ex OO (Official Observer), I sure hope they do! BUT I think, in spite of what the FCC says that THEY may DO, the MOST important thing that HAMS should DO is to set an enviable EXAMPLE! We are supposed to be SELF-POLICING... let's each one of us ACCEPT the RESPONSIBILITY and "DO IT RIGHT."

Recently, I read something in WORLD RADIO written by a person that I not only admire for his accomplishments in HAM RADIO, but for what John Minke, N6JM stands for! I refer to John's four paragraphs in the September issue, page 34. For those who don't receive Worldradio, I will recap the substance for you. John speaks to the improper use of "Q" signals on phone." To quote him exactly; "There seems to be a new era of phone operators today. Everything they say is ended with "QSL." These "Q" signals were crafted for CW operators and soon became terminology for our confirmation cards. However, this particular "Q" signal, "QSL" has been twisted into a babble of senseless meaning."

John is exactly right! Listen to forty meters any morning! Listen to 10 anytime.

QSL is NOT intended to mean what you hear on the HAM BANDS, BUT as is pointed out on page 3-25 of the ARRL Operating Manual; "The Final Courtesy" for the CONFIRMATION of a radio contact made on Amateur frequencies between two or more stations! QSL is NOT the replacement for 'R' on CW nor is it the replacement for 'ROGER' or 'AFFIRMATIVE' on SIDEBAND! I call your attention to the INTERNATIONAL "Q" SIGNAL LISTING which is used exclusively for CW where QSL is used only for the receipt of a piece of FORMAL traffic! "Q" signals were NEVER intended to be used on phone operations, and are not accepted as proper protocol on NTS SIDEBAND Nets!

Let's enjoy our hobby MORE by thinking about HOW WE SOUND TO OTHERS, and how we would like to be remembered by OTHERS that we communicate with! 73, DOC W4SME, Assistant Director ARRL

FLORIDA HAMS WIN INTERNATIONAL CONTEST!

**By Special Correspondent
Carl Zelich, AA4MI**

ARRL President George S. Wilson III, W40YI, and Contest Manager Billy Lunt, KR1R, have certified two Florida radio amateurs as 1992 ARRL International DX Contest winners.

Bill Eppley, W2SDB/4 has achieved First Place, Single Operator, CW on behalf of the Indian River ARC and

Orton Duggan, Jr., W4EQE, has achieved First Place, Single Operator, 40 Meter, CW for the Southern Florida Section.

NEW LICENSE ADVISORY

**By Special Correspondent
Carl Zelich, AA4MI**

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From ARRL Headquarters Newington, CT December 23, 1992

To all radio amateurs

The FCC has asked Volunteer Examiners to advise those taking amateur exams that 120 days from the date of the exam is the approximate time it takes to receive a license from the commission. The FCC says efforts are continuing to reduce this processing time.

The FCC asks that applicants not inquire on the status of an application until it has been pending for more than 90 days with the Commission.

Year-end staff shortages at the commission's Special Services Branch are cited in the recently-increased processing time.

ARRL BOARD JANUARY MEETING SUMMARY

By Special Correspondent
Carl Zelich, AA4MI

QST DE W1AW ARRL BULLETIN 4 ARLB004
FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS NEWINGTON, CT,
JANUARY 16, 1993
TO ALL RADIO AMATEURS

The ARRL Board of Directors met in Jacksonville, Florida January 15 and 16, 1993. The following is a summary of the meeting highlights:

Based on the recommendations of its Digital Committee the Board decided to petition the FCC for specific segments on the HF bands where automatic (unattended operation) control of digital stations will be permitted: 3.620-3.635 MHz, 7.100-7.105 MHz, 10.140-10.150 MHz, 14.095-14.0995 MHz, 14.1005-14.112 MHz, 18.105-18.110 MHz, 21.090-21.100 MHz, 24.925-24.930 MHz, and 28.120-28.189 MHz. The Board commended the Digital Committee for its hard work on the difficult matter of HF autoforwarding. The Board did not act at this time on the committee's recommendation to permit "semi-automatic" operation on all frequencies where data modes are permitted. However, the Directors asked the Committee to continue its study of how additional data operations can be accommodated in the hf bands while adequately protecting amateurs using other modes and pursuing other operating interests, and report back in July.

The Board reaffirmed its position that international morse code proficiency must remain a requirement for licenses conveying privileges below 30 MHz, as currently specified in the international radio regulations.

The Board abandoned further consideration of a change in the name of the organization.

The League will seek formal recognition by Congress of the role of amateur radio as a national resource in disasters, and for technical progress in electronics.

Staff was tasked with developing a plan for Board consideration for increasing the availability of exams in Alaska in light of the possible incorporation of novice exams in the VEC program.

Elected to the Executive Committee are Directors Stephen Mendelsohn, WA2DHF, Joel Harrison, WB5IGF, Marsall Quiat, AGOX, and Howard Mark, WO0ZC.

Bill Tynan, W3XO, was commended for his lengthy and faithful service to amateur radio, most notably as conductor of QST's World Above 50 MHz column.

Jerry Hall, K1TD, was commended and thanked for his great contributions to the League and amateur radio during the span of his 23 year career at ARRL Headquarters.

The Tampa (Florida) local area network will host the 12th ARRL conference on Digital Communications on September 11, 1993, in the Tampa Bay area.

Watch for the full story in March QST.

EVENT STATIONS

Fort Pierce, Florida: The Fort Pierce ARC will operate KN4RY: 1600-2300Z on March 6, and March 7. To commemorate the experimental aircraft association fly-in to St. Lucie airport. Operation will be on 20, 15, and novice portion of the 10 meter phone band. For a QSL or certificate send a large 9 x 10 or No. 10 SASE (with 2 units of postage) to Fort Pierce ARC, P.O. Box 0004, Fort Pierce, FL 34954.

West Palm Beach, Florida: The Plm Beach Amateur Radio Society will operate AC4QY 1400Z-2400Z March 20 to celebrate SPRING BREAK. Phone only 14.235, 28.320. For certificate send SASE to PBARS, P.O. Box 5454, Lake Worth, FL 33466.

TRAFFIC SYSTEMS

By Dr. W.R. 'Doc' Staples
Asst. Dir. ARRL

Florida Skip Correspondent

Andrew, in spite of being a terrible disaster was responsible for something terrific for amateur radio! It brought out of the woodwork a large number of 'very good traffic handlers'... and it also embarrassed quite a few who thought they knew it all!

Florida has one of the best operational traffic systems within and under the purview of the National Traffic System (NTS)... On any day of the week there are up to eighteen different traffic nets that convene for the purpose of handling message traffic into, out of and within the state of Florida. Whether you like VHF, or HF there's a spot where you, a 'HAM', has the opportunity to become a better operator and train yourself for a 'jump' team like those that were so vital to the welfare and survival of the people of south Dade county. Join a net, be proficient and reap the rewards of friendship through mutual effort.

HOW TO ADDRESS PACKET BULLETINS

By Florida Skip Correspondent
Carl Zelich, AA4MI

The following reminders and suggestions by Brett, KA7CGB, will help you use packet messages more efficiently for yourself. Also the state and national packet networks will run better.

First, you should try using the network within your state. To accomplish this, use your 2 letter State Abbreviation, i.e. FL or AZ, in place of the "xx" in the examples below.

Second, if you want to use the national network, use the packet abbreviation for the United States which is "US" in place of the "xx" in the examples below.

Now here are some practical format examples:

If you have INFO on something to give to the world, try to make the "Subject:" text fit the "Subject:" field length so we all know what you are giving us. The traditional way to identify this type of message is:

To: INFO@ALLxx Subject: How to charge batteries

If you are asking a QUESTION or NEED INFO about something, start the Subject field with a question mark (?). Looking for help or information, try:

To: HELP@ALLxx Subject: ? charging batteries

Looking for that last part to complete a project or to repair something, try:

To: WANT@ALLxx Subject: 2N2222 transistor or

To: NEED@ALLxx Subject: 2N222 transistor

Conversely, to list something for sale, use:

To: SALE@ALLxx Subject: ICOM IC-48A - 440MHz

Bear in mind that you will often get replies from your own town for sale items. It is strongly recommended that you try sending these bulletins within your own state first. If you don't have any responses, then try the United States.

Also, don't advertise something to an area to which you are not prepared to ship the item. An example of poor distribution is listing a tower for sale in Florida to packet bulletin boards (PBB's) in Arizona. Do you have any idea what shipping that tower to Arizona would cost? More than the price of the tower!

Got any better ideas or suggestions to improve upon these, send them to me at: Drett Duane, KA7CGB; 1701 E 8th St.; Tempe, AZ 85281 or on packet: KA7CGB @ K7BUC.AZ.USA.NA

FREE CALENDAR

For the 20th year, *FLORIDA SKIP* is sending to it's members a Ham Shack Size calendar. The one shown here is in four colors, actual size. If you would like one, send us a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope (SASE) any size. Send it with your Renewal payment or any HAMBAR ad. We give one day service. They are Free, but donations are accepted. Editor.

FLORIDA HAMFEST UPDATE

DATE	LOCATION	PLACE
Feb 19/20	Sarasota	At Robards Sports Arena Talk-in on 146.910 & 146.730
Feb 27	Stuart	FREE! At Langford Park, Jensen Beach Talk-in on 147.060
Feb 27	Brooksville	Hernando County Fairgrounds Talk-in on 146.715
Mar 6	Zephyrhills	"Phinney" Hamfest 3339 Allen Rd. Talk-in on 145.190
Mar 12/14	Orlando	Central Florida Fairgrounds 4300 W. Colonial Dr Talk-in on 146.760
Mar 20/21	Ft. Walton Beach	North Florida Ham/Swapfest at the Fairgrounds in Ft. Walton Beach Talk-in on 146.790
Apr 15	Alachua	"Poorman's" Hamfest Alachua Cty Fairground, SR 24 & SR, Talk-in on 146.820
Jul 31/Aug 1	Jacksonville	Prime Osborne Convention Center Cor. So. Lee and W. Bay ST Talk-in on 146.76
Sept 11/12	Melbourne	Melbourne Auditorium 625 Hibiscus Blvd. Talk-in on 146.85
Sept 25	Starke	Bradford County Fairgrounds US 301 and SR 100 Talk-in on 145.150
Sept 26	New Port Richey	New Port Richie Recreation Center, (Sunday only) 6630 Van Buren Talk in on 145.350 or 147.150
Oct 2	Titusville	FREE! At Arthur Dunn Airport Talk-in on 146.910
Oct 23/24	West Palm Beach	Expo Center at South Fla Fairgrounds, SR 80 just east of US 441 Talk-in on 147.165
Nov 6	Eustis	Lake County Fairgrounds Talk-in on 147.255 & 442.900
Nov 20/21	Tampa	Expo Hall, Fla State Fairgrounds Talk-in on 146.940
Dec 4	Okeechobee	Agriculture Center Bldg on U.S. 441, 1.5 miles north of S.R.70 Talk-in on 147.195

* Send any corrections or additions to KB4VOL @ KB4VOL *

* This update replaces all previous lists, which should be discarded *



W4EMBs antenna farm after Hurricane Andrew pass by 118th St and 70th in South West Dade. Marshall took in K1MJF, Pete Haines (right) after Pete's Homestead home was COMPLETELY destroyed (Photo via W4EMB.)

FCC LEVIES BIG FINE By Special Correspondent Carl Zelich, AA4MI

ARRL BULLETIN 7 from ARRL Headquarters
Newington, CT, January 26, 1993
To All Radio Amateurs

The FCC's Kingsville, Texas office, has issued a Notice of Apparent Liability to an amateur for 10,500 dollars.

Richard L. Whitten, WB20TK, 46, of Taylors, South Carolina, was cited for "willful and malicious interfering transmissions" monitored by the FCC on September 26, 1992, on 14314.7 kHz.

Whitten, a General Class licensee, was issued the NAL two days later. In his reply to the FCC he did not, according to the commission, dispute making the transmissions, but he "denied that his signals constituted willful, malicious interference, because, he says in his letter, if he truly wanted to willfully and maliciously interfere he could have done so to such an extent that communications between other amateur radio operators would have been impossible that his comments were not disruptive that his statements were innocuous, that he was recognized and spoken to by the other amateur operators, and that he was the victim of entrapment by the other operators.

The FCC did not accept this argument, and noted that Whitten already had receive two previous NALs, on January 28, 1991 and July 12, 1991, for the same rules violation.

The FCC's "base amount" fine for willful interference is 7,000 dollars, in this case the fine was raised 50 percent "in view of Mr. Whitten's repeated violations."

NOTICE SNOW BIRDS...

PLEASE — when you FLY North or South, or any other place, please let us know at least 2 to 3 weeks in advance. When you move without advising us, the Post Office returns your SKIP and it costs us 35 cents for each issue. It used to be 15 cents, but they increased it over 100 percent. Please help us do a better job for you... Thanks!! Editor.